

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

MALTA, MONTANA SRF PROJECT#: C302259

<u>CITY OF MALTA</u> <u>LEGG LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS</u>

August 8, 2019

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above-named project. The City of Malta (City) recently experienced a catastrophic failure of the Legg Lift Station when the existing dry well was flooded with raw sewage. The pump motors and electrical/control equipment were damaged and need replacement. The City is currently operating a temporary bypass pump to handle wastewater generated in this area of the city until a new lift station can be constructed.

The project will replace the existing wet well/dry well configuration with a new packaged submersible lift station. The lift station pumps have been designed to provide 15 percent more pumping capacity to account for the expected growth in the area served by the lift station. The above-grade enclosure will be placed on a new 6-foot diameter concrete wet well and will house the new lift station piping, valves and control panel. Two submersible pumps (one duty, one standby) will be installed in the wet well along with a level transducer and redundant floats to control the pumps. A manual transfer switch and generator receptacle will be installed so the new lift station can be operated during a loss of utility power by connecting to a portable generator owned by the City. The new lift station will provide a reliable, dependable solution for the City's wastewater pumping needs.

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the Engineering Report, a new or modified application is submitted, or new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated.

